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# News Letter

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## Forum opens with 'Einstein: Practical Bohemian'

The Marshall University Artists Series' Forum Division will open its 1984-85 season with Ed Metzger in his one-man show "Albert Einstein: The Practical Bohemian" on Monday, Sept. 10, at 8 p.m. in Old Main Auditorium.

General admission tickets will be available at \$5 each and youth age 17 and under may purchase tickets for \$2.50. MU faculty and staff also may purchase tickets at \$2.50 each.

Metzger, who has appeared on the "Merv Griffin Show" and NBC's "Today Show," draws upon Einstein's

writings and speeches to produce a portrait not of a scientific genius, but a man of great insight and endearing eccentricities.

Critics from California to Massachusetts have praised the show as a "lively tour de force" full of gentle humor and sensitivity. "Metzger is immersed in the personality he plays and there are many rewarding passages as Einstein speaks about his love of music, his ineptness at arithmetic, his sailboat at Saranac and even about his theory of relativity," said the New York Times critic.



### ISLAND CREEK AIDS MU

John Sanders, center, human resources and development director for the Pocahontas Division of Island Creek Coal Co., Oakwood, Va., presents a \$2,500 contribution to Marshall University President Dale F. Nitzschke. The gift to the MU Foundation is earmarked for the Marshall Mine Safety Program and was the result of the efforts of James B. Stone, right, MU associate professor of occupational, adult and safety education, who has worked with the Island Creek division in its safety program. (MU photo by Rick Hays.)

## Dr. McKernan signs with major publishing firm

A Marshall University professor of English has signed a contract with one of New York's largest publishing firms, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, to produce two freshman composition textbooks, MU College of Liberal Arts Dean Alan B. Gould announced.

Dr. John McKernan's works, "A New Writing Handbook" and "New Writing Workbook," are on the publishing house's late 1986 marketing schedule, Dr. Gould said.

"A highly capable teacher, Dr. McKernan also has

made a name for himself as a professional writer," Gould said. "He had more than a dozen major publishers interested in the books," the dean added.

"Holt, Rinehart and Winston have a tradition of quality that is somewhat intimidating, but I am looking forward to the challenges inherent in creating texts that freshmen not only can learn from but can find interesting as well," said McKernan, who also is director of the university's Writing Program and has been teaching freshman composition for two decades.

McKernan joined the MU faculty in 1967. He earned the M.F.A. degree in poetry from Columbia University and his Ph.D. degree in English literature from Boston University.

The author of two books of poetry, he has published several hundred poems in various national magazines such as "The Atlantic Monthly," "The New Yorker," "The Paris Review," "Virginia Quarterly Review" and "National Review."

McKernan has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Boston University and the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia.

### Luncheon for 'First Lady'

The MU Professional Women will host a luncheon honoring Mrs. Linda Nitzschke at noon Saturday, Sept. 15, at the University Holiday Inn. Reservations for the \$10 per person luncheon may be made with the Dean of Students Office, extension 6422, by Wednesday, Sept. 12. (A social hour will precede the luncheon, beginning at 11 a.m.)

# Recent bequests to assist Marshall students

Bequests from the estates of two Marshall University alumnae have provided the MU Foundation with \$15,000 in student funds, according to Foundation Executive Director Bernard Queen.

A "Medical Student Emergency Aid Fund" has been established with a \$10,000 bequest from Clara Closterman of Huntington, who died April 5, 1984. "Her only stipulation was that the money be earmarked for the School of Medicine," Dr. Queen said.

The John Ralph Witten Memorial Scholarship has been endowed by a \$5,000 bequest from the estate of Edna Spencer Witten of Huntington, who died March 11, 1984. Mrs. Witten's one requirement was that recipients of this scholarship, established in memory of her husband, be residents of West Virginia, Dr. Queen said.

The late Miss Closterman, a 1936 graduate of Marshall's College of Education, taught business and mathematics courses in Cabell, Logan, and Lincoln coun-

ties in West Virginia and in Lawrence and Scioto counties in Ohio.

A Huntington native, the late Mrs. Witten graduated from the College of Education in 1930. She was a member of Central Christian Church. Her husband, who preceded her in death, was owner of Witten Medical Arts.

"The foundation's deferred giving program has grown steadily over the past few years," Queen noted. "Remembering Marshall University in their wills has become for many an ideal way to show support of the university. There are a number of friends and alumni, who right now are unable to make a financial commitment for one reason or another, but through deferred giving they pledge their support for the future," he said.

"The deferred giving program offers MU supporters great flexibility. Gifts may be designated for specific purposes or for use at the institutions' discretion," Queen said. "Some of our contributors have made Marshall beneficiary of insurance policies and other have even bequeathed real estate to the foundation," he said.

## MU faculty, staff achievements. . .

DR. JOHN W. LARSON, professor of chemistry, was co-author of a paper entitled "Gas-Phase Bihalide and Psuedohalide Ions: An Ion Cyclotron Resonance Determination of Hydrogen Bond Energies in Fluoro, Chloro, Bromo and Cyano Bihalides" that appeared in the July 5 issue of **Inorganic Chemistry**.

DR. JOHN H. MEAD, associate professor of music, served as Brass Ensemble coach and performed in a faculty recital during West Virginia University's Chamber Fest '84 for high school and older musicians during June 15-17. He also attended the Second International Brass Congress at Indiana University June 3-8 and a conference on "The Biology of Music Making" at the Performing Arts Center, Denver, Colo., July 8-12.

DR. BILLY RAY DUNN, associate professor of vocational rehabilitation, was installed as president of the West Virginia Vocational Association during the annual conference which was held on Marshall's campus Aug. 13-16 and drew more than 1,000 participants.

DR. MICHAEL E. MACK, assistant professor of mathematics, presented a paper, "Use of Weighted Averages for Stationary Autoregressive Processes," at the annual meeting of the American Statistical Association, held in Philadelphia, Penn., on Aug. 16.

## Tea for new faculty wives scheduled on Sunday, Sept. 9

The MU Faculty Wives Club will welcome wives of new faculty members with a tea Sunday, Sept. 9, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the President's home, 1040 13th Ave.

Hostesses for the welcoming tea will be the club officers who were recently elected. They are Mrs. Jim Fix, president; Mrs. Sam Clagg, first vice president; Mrs. Mahlon Brown, second vice president; Mrs. C.T. Mitchell, secretary/historian; Mrs. Ronald Larson, treasurer; Mrs. David F. Groves, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Eric Core, parliamentarian.

Copies of the Faculty Wives Club Cookbook will be available at the tea or may be ordered by calling Mrs. Fix, 523-8213, or Mrs. Clagg, 736-1838.

## Honorary degree nominees to be submitted by Oct. 12

The Commencement and Honorary Degrees Committee is now accepting recommendations from faculty, staff, and students for persons to be considered as possible recipients of honorary degrees at the May, 1985 Commencement.

Names of recommended individuals should be submitted to Dr. Frank S. Riddel, Department of Social Studies on or before Friday, Oct. 12.

Persons submitting names should include for each individual, a brief statement as to why the individual should receive the honor, along with the name, address, and phone number of the person submitting the name so that the Committee can secure additional information as needed.

**Frank S. Riddel**  
Committee Chairman

## NEWCOMERS

New to the campus are:

GLEN DUNLAP, coordinator, Autism Training Center; JOHN B. SHULTZ, laboratory coordinator, Biological Sciences Department; GWENDOLYN J. CANADA, assistant librarian, James E. Morrow Library; BETTY C. ADKINS, secretary, Family and Community Health Department; JUDY B. CAMPBELL, secretary, Early Childhood Education; FRED-DIE A. McCONNELL, athletic equipment manager, Athletic Department; OKIE L. CALDWELL, animal caretaker, Animal Resources; BAHIIYIH FAREYDOON-NEZHAD, library clerk, James E. Morrow Library; NANCY H. HILL, accounting clerk, Athletic Department; JOSEPH H. HARPER, grounds worker, Plant Operations, and CHARLES B. COPLEY, building service worker, Plant Operations.

Welcome to Marshall!